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#### Subpart A—General

### §3400.1 Applicability of regulations.

(a) The regulations of this part apply to special research grants awarded under the authority of subsection (c) of the Competitive, Special, and Facilities Research Grant Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 450i (c)), to facilitate or expand promising breakthroughs in areas of the food and agricultural sciences of importance to the United States. Subparts A and B, excepting this section, apply only to special research grants awarded under subsection (c)(1)(A). Subpart C, Peer and Merit Review Arranged by Grantees, and Subpart D,

Annual Reports, apply to all grants awarded under subsection (c).

- (b) Each year the Administrator of CSREES shall determine and announce through publication of a Notice in such publications as the FEDERAL REGISTER, professional trade journals, agency or program handbooks, the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance, or any other appropriate means, research program areas for which proposals will be solicited competitively, to the extent that funds are available.
- (c) The regulations of this part do not apply to research, extension or education grants awarded by the Department of Agriculture under any other authority.

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#### § 3400.2 Definitions.

As used in this part:

- (a) Administrator means the Administrator of the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) and any other officer or employee of the Department of Agriculture to whom the authority involved may be delegated.
- (b) *Department* means the Department of Agriculture.
- (c) Principal investigator means a single individual designated by the grantee in the grant application and approved by the Administrator who is responsible for the scientific and technical direction of the project.
- (d) *Grantee* means the entity designated in the grant award document as the responsible legal entity to whom a grant is awarded under this part.
- (e) Research project grant means the award by the Administrator of funds to a grantee to assist in meeting the costs of conducting, for the benefit of the public, an identified project which is intended and designed to establish, discover, elucidate, or confirm information or the underlying mechanisms relating to a research program area identified in the annual solicitation of applications.
- (f) *Project* means the particular activity within the scope of one or more of the research program areas identified in the annual solicitation of applications, which is supported by a grant award under this part.